

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08830.0014

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Shigeru OKAZAKI) Group Art Unit: 2854
Application No.: 10/802,855) Examiner: Anthony H. NGUYEN
Filed: March 18, 2004) Confirmation No.: 7721
For: PAPER HANDLING APPARATUS)
AND IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

A copy of the listed foreign patent document is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO/SB/08.

04/28/2005 HAL111 00000055 10802855

01 FC:1806

180.00 DP

With regard to Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-081827,
Applicant submits herewith an English language abstract.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the document as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the document.

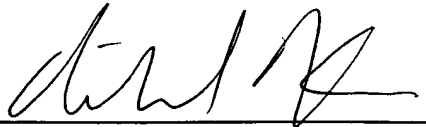
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should it be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

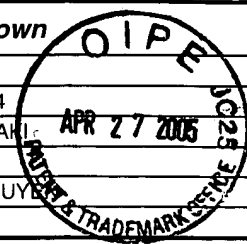
Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: April 27, 2005

By: 
Michael W. Kim
Reg. No. 51,880

IDS Form PTO/SB/08: Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>			Complete if Known										
			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Application Number</td> <td>10/802,855</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Filing Date</td> <td>March 18, 2004</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Named Inventor</td> <td>Shigeru OKAZAKI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Art Unit</td> <td>2854</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examiner Name</td> <td>Anthony H. NGUYEN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attorney Docket Number</td> <td>08830.0014</td> </tr> </table>		Application Number	10/802,855	Filing Date	March 18, 2004	First Named Inventor	Shigeru OKAZAKI	Art Unit	2854	Examiner Name
Application Number	10/802,855												
Filing Date	March 18, 2004												
First Named Inventor	Shigeru OKAZAKI												
Art Unit	2854												
Examiner Name	Anthony H. NGUYEN												
Attorney Docket Number	08830.0014												
Sheet	1	of	1										



U.S. PATENTS AND PUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

Note: Submission of copies of U.S. Patents and published U.S. Patent Applications is not required.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		JP-2000-081827 A	03-21-2000	Canon Inc.		Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	
--------------------	-----------------	--

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.